

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4214  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

**DOUBLING OF ARA-SASARAM RAILWAY LINE**

**4214. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has initiated steps for doubling the Ara-Sasaram railway line, if so, the details of the project and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the current status of the railway line from Ara-Bhabua Road to Mundeshwari Sthan for which survey has been done but construction hasn't started;**
- (c) the details of the response of Railways on authorising halts for following trains at Ara Junction, Patna - New Delhi Rajdhani Express, Patna-Indore Express, Akal Takht Express, Rajendra Nagar-Howrah Express-Ranchi Express (should run daily), Ganga Damodar Express;**
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Government for ensuring timely completion of the foot-over bridge construction at Ara's eastern Gumti crossing; and**
- (e) the details of the response of the Government on long standing demand for establishing a first-aid center at Ara Junction and starting ambulance service from the station to Sadar Hospital for handling railway accidents efficiently?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e): The multi-tracking projects are taken up based on the line capacity utilisation and traffic potential. At recent, Ara-Sasaram single line**

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**section has adequate line capacity to meet the current traffic. However, to further improve flow of traffic in this section, the works of Rail-Over-Rail flyover at Sasaram and Ara Bypass line have been sanctioned recently. Sanctioning of Railway projects is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway and railway infrastructure projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon liabilities of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.**

**The execution of Ara-Bhabua Road (125 Km) new rail line project, with Bhabhua Road-Mundeshwari Dham (26 Km) new line, is a sanctioned work. However, execution of this project could not be taken up at present, due to low traffic potential.**

**As on 01.04.2024, 55 projects (31 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 22 Doubling), of total length of 5,064 Km, costing Rs. 79,356 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar including projects falling in Valmikinagar Parliamentary Constituency and Tribal dominated areas are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 1194 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 26,983 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under:-**

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Total Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Length Commissioned till March, 2024 (in Km)</b>	<b>Total Exp. upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.)</b>
<b>New Lines</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2712</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>13629</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1520</b>
<b>Doubling/Multi-tracking</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>11834</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5064</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>26983</b>

The details of outlay for infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Outlay</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>Rs. 1132 Cr./year</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>Rs. 10,066 Cr. (Nearly 9 times)</b>

The details of commissioning/ laying of new track falling fully/partly in the State of Bihar is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>New Track Commissioned</b>	<b>Average Commissioning of new tracks</b>
<b>2009-14</b>	<b>318 Km</b>	<b>63.6 Km</b>
<b>2014-24</b>	<b>1669 Km</b>	<b>166.9 Km (More than 2.5 times)</b>

Ara station is presently being served by 148 regular train services including 12355/12356 Rajendra Nagar (T)-Jammu Tawi Archana Express, 12367/12368 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Vikramshila Express, 12327/12328 Howrah-Dehradun Upasana Express and 12393/12394 Rajendra Nagar (T)-

**New Delhi Sampoorna Kranti Express. These services connect Ara to major cities like Delhi, Amritsar, Jammu, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Guwahati etc. However, 12351/52 Rajendra Nagar-Howrah Express and 13329/30 Dhanbad-Patna Ganga Damodar Express do not run via Ara. Besides, provision of stoppage and increase in frequency of train services are on-going processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.**

**Earlier, there was a Level Crossing (LC) No. 48 at Km 591.7 at eastern side of Ara Railway station on Ara-Jamira section. A Road over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of this LC has been completed and LC has been closed in year 2021. In view of public demand the work of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at this location has also been taken up.**

**Ara is served by Buxar health unit and Danapur Divisional Railway Hospital. Railway doctors from Buxar Railway Health Unit have been deployed to visit twice in a week for providing medical facilities at Ara Railway Junction. In addition to this, Ambulance services of Railways, State Government/Private Hospitals and ambulance service of Railways, State Government/Private Hospitals and ambulance service providers are utilized to transport the injured/sick passengers to nearby hospitals/doctor's clinics.**

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